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Here is just list of some of my issues

- The electrical grid can't support a full ban on natural gas. Natural gas supplies 15% of the electricity consumed in Washington.
- There is no coherent plan to replace the natural gas energy that total electrification will remove without risking blackouts and price hikes to businesses and ratepayers
- At present, electricity is affordable in Washington. But adding new generating capacity is expensive and will drive power rates higher. Amid inflationary pressures, Washingtonians cannot afford higher utility costs.

This should be put up to a vote of the citizens of Washington State.

- Every \$1,000 added to the price of a new home prices out 2,182 households; costs from these code proposals could rob nearly 53,000 families of the opportunity to purchase a home.
- Only 15% of Washingtonians can afford to purchase a home (new and existing) right now; these changes further put the American dream of homeownership out of reach.

Businesses looking to expand in Washington need the ability to recruit a workforce, and housing affordability

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